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TO : Assistant Director for Operations

DATE: 9 February 1956

FROM : Chief, Foreign Documents Division

SUBJECT: FDD Monthly Progress Report -- January 1956

## ADMINISTRATION

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1. The total personnel on duty as of 31 January was [ ]

2. Arrangements have been made to have the Division reimbursed for expenses, primarily salaries, of FDD personnel on extended TDY assignments in other Agency offices.

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3. [ ] Office of the Administrative Assistant to the DD/I, was given a general briefing on the Division by Chief, FDD.

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4. [ ] CIA Library/OCR, and [ ] are on 90-day TDY in Western World and Scientific and Technical branches, respectively.

5. Seven FDD analysts began full-time training in Russian on 3 January; one person had intensive instruction in Rumanian, half-time, 3 - 23 January; three persons completed 6-month courses at NSA, in Vietnamese, Polish, and Russian.

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7. A memorandum describing the plan for reorganization of the FDD Publications Section and the reclassification of positions therein was prepared for approval of the Management Staff.

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8. [ ] left for 6 months' TDY for DD/P, also [ ] for 3 months [ ]

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9. Deputy Chief, FDD, spoke on FDD operations at the Clan-destine Services Review Course No. 10 on 24 January.

## OPERATIONS

1. The 62nd and 63rd meetings of the Subcommittee on Exploitation of Foreign Language Publications were held 6 and 20 January, respectively, and were concerned with a review of the Western World program. It was agreed that the "Selected Briefs

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From the International Press" would be split into three separate weekly reports as follows: "World Press Briefs on International Communism" (FDD Summary), "Weekly Press Notes on International Conferences and Fairs" [ ] and "Foreign Press Reports on International Trade and Shipping" [ ]. The agenda for the next meeting, scheduled for 3 February, will be the Report and Recommendations to the Advisory Committee on Foreign Language Publications and the Annual Report of the Exploitation Subcommittee.

2. Reference to the CTS Index prevented 38 cases of duplication totaling 1749 pages. Liaison has been effected with the CENIS representative to expand CTS coverage to include [ ] translations.

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3. Chief, FDD, attended seven meetings as a consultant to an ad hoc committee concerned with drawing up, on an urgent basis, a program for the development and conservation of language resources of the Agency.

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4. On 9 January the Division initiated a Linguist Service in [ ] was assigned to handle this new Division outpost.

5. The scheduled FDD Summary "Review of Chinese Communist Scientific and Technical Periodicals" (Quarterly) was discontinued with issue No. 5 of January. The periodicity of the scheduled report "Index of Le Monde" was changed from weekly to monthly.

6. Verbal understanding was arrived at with CIA Library to obtain publications, cited in specific requirements, by photo copy or duplicate purchase in those cases where repositories are unwilling to loan.

7. In an attempt to comply closely with several recommendations in the Inspector General's survey report, a plan to encourage a more journalistic style of reporting as applicable to certain FDD products has been promoted throughout the Division. Currently, three scheduled reports in whole or in part have adopted this style.

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8. After two and one half years of repeated inquiry a reply was received [ ] concerning the availability of Indonesian publications and including a list of titles currently purchasable.

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10. Representatives of RQM/OIS, [ ] visited the Division and consulted with the Branch Chiefs relative to the revision of certain DD/P requirements.

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11. Commendations:

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From Chief, RQM/OIS, for the valuable monthly scheduled surveys of the French newspaper L'Information prepared by [ ]

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From Chief, Contact Division, for assistance rendered by [ ] in arranging a survey by which the usefulness of certain [ ] material was determined.

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From [ ] appreciation for the valuable compilation of Chinese source material exploited by FDD.

12. Liaison activities (other than CIA)

Department of State

With Division of Functional Intelligence, Mr. Bernard Morris, to discuss program guidance matters affecting FDD's scheduled Eastern Europe reports.

With Division of Research for Far East, Mr. William Hamilton, to discuss coverage of Thailand in the FDD scheduled report on continental Southeast Asia.

With Division of Research for USSR and Eastern Europe, Mr. Andor Klay and staff, to discuss relative priorities of State requirements on Hungarian political and sociological information.

Department of the Army

With Intelligence, 1st Lt. William T. Herlihy, to discuss program guidance for FDD military reporting on Rumania and Albania.

13. Special services rendered:

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DD/P -- For RQM/OIS, [ ] completed his work on the analysis of Soviet economic operations [ ]

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For NE [ ] rendered linguistic assistance on Afghan material.

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OTR -- Translated captions and texts for use in an exhibit of Czech propaganda posters.

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For Language and External Training School, [redacted]  
tested personnel for proficiency in spoken French.

ORR -- For Economic Intelligence Committee, a list was prepared of economic reports produced by FDD in the second half of 1955. The list will be published in the next EIC report on Economic Research Projects on the Soviet Bloc.

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Commo -- Performed reverse translation, English [redacted] of 25X1C  
a three-page document on fingerprint coding.

OCR -- For Graphics Register several Chinese Communist propaganda films were monitored.

Also for Graphics Register monitored selected sound tracks of East German films.

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14. Significant Reports:

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[redacted] Development of Party Policy in Rumania, August 1953-December 1955 (FDD analyst with [redacted] experience in Rumanian government reviews party line on domestic policy during period of "New Course.")

FDD Summary No. 776 -- Postwar Capital Investment in the USSR and European Satellites. (A collation from over 270 sources containing everything available to date on the subject.)

FDD Translation No. 497 -- Draft of Chinese Nationalist Plan for Economic Reconstruction. (Important as a reference for a comparative study of the Communist Five-Year Plan.)

FDD Translation No. 504 -- People's Practical Economic Dictionary: Labor in China. (Tenth and last in a basic reference series covering the various economic sectors of Communist China.)

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[redacted] -- Changes in Location of Institutes of Academy of Sciences USSR. [redacted]

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[redacted] Present Status of Problems of Blood Substitutes, Therapy of Burns, and Radiation Sickness. [redacted]

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Enclosures: 2

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1. Statistical Report on FDD Operations
2. Details on Personnel Actions

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